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APPLICANT: Roland Lippoldt
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FOR: Locking Device for a Closure with a Housing
EXAMINER: Carlos Luga Group 3676

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 6, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected Claims 20-34 for allegedly being indefinite, rejected Claim 34 as being unpatentable over the prior art, and indicated that Claim 20 would become allowable upon having been rewritten or amended to overcome the

rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, together with claims 21-33 dependant on claim 20.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 20-33 has been noted and appreciated.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: